

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Telecommunications Division
Carrier Branch**

RESOLUTION T-16823

R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution T-16823, SBC California (U-1001-C). Requests Authority To Revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, To Withdraw Poll Star Service For Which Equipment Is Manufacturer Discontinued And Replacement Parts Are No Longer Available.

By Advice Letter No. 24432 Filed December 15, 2003.

Summary

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes SBC California (SBC) to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, to withdraw Poll Star Service for which equipment to provision the service is manufacturer discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available.

Background

Poll Star is a service that transports alarm signals for single party exchange telephone service subscribers and allows both the transmission of alarm signals and use of the telephone over the existing subscriber loop via derived local channel technology. Poll Star Service provides, on a 24-hour basis, for the transmission of signals that identify a change in the status of alarm sensors located on a customer's premise, to the customer's alarm agency.

Poll Star Service was introduced in 1985. The equipment used in the Poll Star Service system was discontinued in the early 1990s.

On March 2003, SBC notified its Poll Star Service customers that SBC was requesting authority to grandfather Poll Star Service.

Poll Star Service was grandfathered effective April 22, 2003, per C.P.U.C. Resolution No. T-16745.

On July 2003, SBC sent letters to its Poll Star Service customers that it was going to request authority to withdraw Poll Star Service.

On November 2003, SBC sent reminders to its Poll Star Service customers that SBC actually requests authority to withdraw Poll Star Service. According to SBC, no comments have been received.

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 24432, filed on December 15, 2003, SBC requests authority to revise schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, to withdraw Poll Star Service for which equipment is manufacturer discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available.

SBC requests a resolution approving withdrawal of Poll Star Service effective March 31, 2004.

Notice/Protest

Notice of AL No. 24432 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar of December 19, 2003. Pacific states that copies of AL No. 24432 have been mailed to interested utilities and/or parties. No protest to this AL has been received.

Discussion

Telecommunications Division (TD) has reviewed SBC AL No. 24432 and its notifications sent to the Poll Star Service customers. TD concludes that Poll Star Service customers have been well informed of the proposed withdrawal of Poll Star Service by SBC. Therefore, SBC's request for authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, to withdraw Poll Star Service, effective on March 31, 2004, is reasonable.

Resolution No. T-9598, dated March 22, 1977, authorizes the Executive Director to grant requests to freeze or limit Communications Utility Services of equipment that has been manufacturer discontinued.

Since the equipment to provision Poll Star Service is manufacturer discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

Commission approval is based on the specifics of the Advice Letter and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings or for Commission approval of similar requests.

Findings

1. SBC requests authority to revise schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, to withdraw Poll Star Service for which equipment is manufacturer discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available.
2. SBC had notified its Poll Star Service customers the withdrawal of Poll Star Service.
3. No comments have been received by SBC.
4. After reviewing AL No. 24432, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.
5. Pursuant to the authority granted the Executive Director in Resolution No. T-9598, SBC's request for authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, to withdraw Poll Star Service for which equipment is manufacturer discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available, is just and reasonable and should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. SBC California is granted authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. Nos. B1, B2, B10 and 175-T, to withdraw Poll Star Service.
2. AL No. 24432 of SBC California and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T-16823 and its effective date of March 31, 2004.
3. Poll Star Service be withdrawn effective March 31, 2004.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on January 22, 2004.

/s/ WILLIAM AHERN

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Executive Director